





## CIGARETTE PAPERS.

By JOSEPH HATTON.

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You meet a man in a London drawing-room, or at a club, or in his own house, secure and happy, an ordinary man being with no singularity of dress or manners, and it is difficult for the moment to realize that he may be a hero of romance, a great traveller, a leader, a pioneer who has looked upon a new world hitherto unknown to the white man, the discoverer of some hitherto unsuspected force in nature. We can say of our recent occasions when we have been brought face to face with some famous man for the first

time, and found the imagination taxed for a proper appreciation of his presence. In daily life all men and women are very much alike. These days when everybody wears the same kind of clothes, it is harder than ever to emphasize distinctions of character. Famous men often sink their individuality of appearance, lest they should seem to later on. London, and that is the reason, I suppose, why Londoners are more self-possessed than countrymen, they are so accustomed to brush shoulders with the greatest men. Whatever happens in the furthest corners of the earth has its echo in London. You may be a great swell in a little country town, with every hat doffed to you in the High-street; but you will be jostled just like anybody else in the Strand. London has no room for poseurs except in limited circles of society. There nestles in its great heart every kind of celebrity, past and to come, of America, the germs of the noblest aspirations of humanity, and at the same time the saddest examples of failure and misfortune. Heaven and hell are in London, but hell is more common than heaven, and hell is more common than heaven, and hell is more common than heaven.

## A Mild Mannered but Daring Conspirator.

All this is trite enough one knows; but the writer is no egoist who pulls his academic cloak about him and sniffs at creation generally, and simply makes cigarette papers for after-dinner smoking. While engaged upon this particular one he has been thinking of Stepaniak. Poor fellow, I remember looking forward to meeting him with the deepest interest, and he had never failed from him that he had really killed a Russian official. I dare say he had, and if he had, under the related circumstances, his action might almost be ethically justified. The official had begged a woman to death. Stepaniak slew him. So the story runs. I think Stepaniak's friends deny it. Anyhow he was a daring conspirator against what he regarded as the tyrannical rule of the Czar. For many a long year his career was one of exciting adventure, carrying his life in his hand, going in and out of Russia, crossing and re-crossing the frontier, engaging in a desperate struggle with the Russian police, slipping through the nets of the police, avoiding the pitfalls of detective traps, appearing and re-appearing in the midst of the best-bred aristocracy, in various disguises. Finally he sought an asylum in London among a little community of fellow-exiles, to lose his life at last by an accident.

## With Stepaniak.

A year or two ago, after the publication of "By Order of the Czar," I saw the modest little house, attended one of the Russian festivals at an ancient inn of the City, and found him just the opposite kind of man you would expect in a conspirator. There was no trace of the Five volumes of the "Dissembler about Stepaniak; he was frank of face, outspoken and genial of manner, a sturdy, well-built man, with a steady eye and an expression that invited confidence. I often talked with him about his political aspirations. I was astonished at the moderation of his desires. He and the friends of the propaganda in England only asked for a consultative chamber, something by way of a "Duma," to give the people freedom of religious belief, independence of the courts of justice, and freedom of meeting and association. They would receive the smallest approach to any of these blessings in the form of a concession from the Czar. These exiled Russians love their country, and have a tremendous faith in its ultimate high destiny. Stepaniak struck me as a man of high and noble aims, a man of generous instincts, moved by the best influences of patriotism. His gentle and amiable wife will meet with a large-hearted sympathy in her loss. There was no more touching sight than her, even at the little home in Bedford Park, crowded with exiles and English friends, the incident of the night being now and then the latest escape from Siberia represented in some patient-looking man or woman who had just arrived from the East.

## On Winter Sundays.

One rarely tells of pulpist stories. Oddly enough they never seem to please. Ministers themselves enjoy them. Once in a way they probably invent them. Don't you remember some time ago how we published over a century of "Annals of a Quiet Valley"? The little volume had some genuine reminiscences of village life in which the church and the vestry made fine copy. There was a peculiar charm in the quietude of the very centre of the material as well as the quietude of the parish. In the quiet valley it was the custom on bitter winter days to have a short service, and if there were only a few worshippers, to adjourn to the parsonage and have a quiet talk. At these times local affairs were discussed, and now and then, with a added comfort of a pipe of tobacco, it was a very rare occasion upon which the parson was altogether abandoned, but upon one memorable Sunday the clerk gave notice to the assembled worshippers to the following effect:—"There'll be nae service in this church for happen a matter of 'fower weeks as parson's been sitting in 'pulpit." English habits in America. The English emigrants carried their habits and customs to the New World, and to this day they survive. There is a story told of Deacon Currier, of Newburyport, which shows that the country practice of making commercial announcements from the pulpit was not unknown among our American descendants. One Sunday Parson Milton failed to make his appearance, and the clerk, who was a deacon, being rather deaf, when he related how an angel came down from heaven and took a coal from the altar, with which he touched the lips of Isaiah. On the next day, the deacon, Milton failed to make his appearance, and the clerk, who was a deacon, being rather deaf, when he related how an angel came down from heaven and took a coal from the altar, with which he touched the lips of Isaiah. On the next day, the deacon, Milton failed to make his appearance, and the clerk, who was a deacon, being rather deaf, when he related how an angel came down from heaven and took a coal from the altar, with which he touched the lips of Isaiah.

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shut, the parson, having quietly ascended the pulpit, exclaimed in a stentorian voice, "Brother Milton, I start the deacon jumped to his feet and responded with a loud 'Hello!' Quite regardless of the deacon, Parson Milton continued, 'Mark, I say, the perfect man, and behold the upright; for the end that man is peace.' You will find these words in the thirty-seventh Psalm and thirty-seventh verse." During the whole of the sermon that followed, Mark Currier remained wide-awake.

## PHOTOGRAPHER'S CONFESION.

Inquiries have been made by the police at Bewdley (Worcester) relative to the confession of a photographer named Humphries, who has given himself up to the Frome (Somerset) authorities, stating that he caused or accelerated the death of his infant child at Bewdley, where he lived in 1873. He says the child died of an infectious disease, and that the evening before it died he shook it violently and hit it in the side several times. Next day it had convulsions and died. Humphries describes, in his written statement, his subsequent distress, and says that he had to take a post mortem photograph late, and being in distress spiritually at the time, the memory of his cruel act revived and increased his trouble. The self-confessed murderer had been most persistent in his statements to the Frome police, and believes that though he has been forgiven by heaven he ought to be arraigned at a human tribunal. He has been remanded at Frome, pending the inquiries in connection with the case.

## DOCKING THE CALENDAR.

It now appears that the Russian Government intend to change the calendar to adopt the Gregorian calendar, and so fall into line with the rest of Europe in the matter of reckoning time. Those who have dealings with Russia are apt to find the present difference of 13 days a little inconvenient, and particularly when it is required to find the Russian date corresponding to the earlier days of our month. The Russian authorities have not yet settled upon a change, but it is expected that in 1900, when this country abandoned the old Julian calendar and adopted the New Style, there was a considerable outcry against the innovation. We were then 11 days behind, and when, by stroke of a pen, Sept. 1 was altered into Sept. 14, there were people who rebelled as much as if the 11 days had been deducted from the length of their lives. In a country like Russia popular opposition to such an apparently unimportant change is not infrequently a very real thing. The hands of the State will probably be even greater. It is quite possible that the authorities may deem it wise to take the line of least resistance, and gain their purpose by abolishing leap years during the next 40 years.

## LIFE ON THE BELL ROCK.

The lighthouse on the Bell Rock is to the Scotch coast what the Eddystone Lighthouse is to the Channel. A recent visitor gives an interesting account of life on this ocean fastness, from which it appears that the staff consists of four men. Each keeper is stationed on the rock for five weeks at a time, and when this period has expired he goes ashore for a fortnight, his place being taken by the man who has relieved two weeks previously. There are thus always three men on the rock, and the fourth is the keeper, who goes ashore for a fortnight. At night, each keeper takes a three hours' spell. Should the weather be foggy two men are constantly engaged in the lamp-room, one looking after with gratitudes. They are not allowed to go ashore, and the signal gun, the latter operation being performed by electricity. One of the few rooms in the Bell Rock Lighthouse is used as a reading-room and library. It is described as a most comfortable room, and the keeper is allowed to go in and out of the library at will. The collection of volumes of all descriptions is not large, but the staff is allowed to use the library at will. Once a month the keeper is taken off by steamer and goes on a visit to his family. Just as safe as if on land. The old light-keepers are allowed to go so far and years to come.

## MAD DOGS IN LONDON.

It is satisfactory to know that while the mad dogs annually killed in London are about 100, the number of dogs killed in the last year has risen to over 100, the number since then has decreased year by year. A report of the L. C. C. on the subject of rabies in the metropolis states that 40 rabid dogs were killed during last year, though no deaths from hydrophobia have been reported. During the last seven years the number of rabid dogs slaughtered has been as follows:—1889, 43; 1890, 129; 1891, 13; 1892, 3; 1893, 9; and 1894, 12. In view of these figures, the committee think there is not sufficient justification for re-imposing the muzzle regulations in London at the present time, especially as it is doubtful whether all the dogs reported to be rabid really were so. They have communicated with the Board of Agriculture to this effect.

## A GOOD TALE RETOLD.

St. H. Maxwell, M.P., retells an old-told tale about the Lord High Commissionership of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland. When Mr. Disraeli was forming his Administration in 1868, a certain noble earl, now in addition to many other titles, was known as Keshigrah. An non-venous South African snake lives entirely on birds' eggs. Each egg is swallowed whole, and by a muscular contraction of the gullet its contents flow into the stomach, while the shell is rejected by the mouth in the form of a pellet.

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and are quite too crowded at present to repeat them, and can only refer you to items of Oct. 6, 1895, and 1896. You were interested in this column last week under your initials as well as they could be made. The title of a book which you requested is given in a separate reply "Questioner's Answer" as a signature. C. H. A. Recipe for picking pork was given by "Jack Ashland" in issue of Nov. 10. We do not recommend home drying of vegetables, but without proper ventilation and to make them up in small quantities would be more costly than having the things colored, far better, as the dyes.

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**PIPER PAN.**

The autumn of 1885 was exceptionally mild, and we heard that many birds were building their nests in October, and in November young rooks were found in Scotland and wood-pigeons in Wales. In October too, the trees in many parts of London were

The "Stage" suggests that Mr. Fergu-  
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**A golden rule for those who wish to make**

cycle to-day, and I do not think that the criticisms of Mrs. Lynn Linton, who has, course, never cycled, will have any marked deterrent effect.

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**Apropos of the women racing.** I am glad

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During 1935 I notice that over 3,000 Volunteers of all arms joined the Regulars, an increase over 1934 of close on 1,000 men. The total enrolled strength of the force is now larger than at any period since the first part of the 19th century. They showed an increase of the rolls a trifle over 112,000, now swollen to over 320,000, of whom less than about 1,000 are "non-efficient." Of those now in the ranks over 8,000 have had 25 years' service, in not a few cases extending to the full 35 years, and the ages of the enrolled members extend from 1,000 to 50 years of age. By the death the force has lost nearly 9,000 officers and men, but the "discharged for misconduct" shows a most gratifying reduction from 600 to 400.

There will be a meeting of Surrey Volunteers on Wednesday next at the Sessions House, Newington Causeway, to take into consideration the advisability of the formation of a county twenty club. The county annual prize meeting will be held at Bideford on Friday and Saturday, June 8 and 9, the field rifle competition for Lord Selkirk and Stanton's Cup won last year by the 2nd East Surrey, taking place on the afternoon of the second day. Competitors will have the option of using either the Martini or the new Enfield rifle.

At the Polytechnic Institution on Friday night 15th, the Volunteer members, who constitute a company in the City of London Artillery, the 4th Middlesex and the 1st London Rifles, and the Voluntary Medical Staff Corps, respectively, met to discuss the arrangements for the forthcoming year. The members of the London corps gave their ninth annual report, and Mr. New Year's conversation in Regent's-street. Mr. Douglas M. Hogg presided at the very excellent concert which followed. Colr.-srgt. Elliott being in the vice-chair, and about 600 members and friends attended. Colr.-srgt. Smyth and Quar. Wakelin carried out the arrangements.

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George Mobbs was charged before Mr. Lushington, at Bow-street, yesterday, with stealing, having been found in possession of a large quantity of bank notes, and a warrant was issued for his arrest on order and receipt for £100. Mr. Macintyre, who prosecuted, said the prisoner was a seaman on board the s.s. "Graceful," trading between London and Liverpool. A Mr. Panting, who was employed on board, was a depositor in the P.O. Savings Bank, and after putting some money in the Post Office at Liverpool, showed the prisoner his book on board. They left Liverpool on Dec. 13, and arrived in London on Dec. 20. The following day prisoner was asked to show him the book, but it was alleged that he went to Aldegate P.O. and sent in telegram, by means of which he obtained £10 from Mr. Panting's account. He returned to the ship, but absconded next day on Mr. Panting telling him his book was missing. He was subsequently traced to Brighton, where he was interviewed by an official of the G.P.O., to whom he admitted that he had spent the money and destroyed the book.—Mr. Panting said he had heard of the prisoner's escape from the G.P.O. Swindon, to November last, when he obtained £24 in the bank. On Dec. 13 he was at Liverpool, and made a deposit of 14s. at the Regent-street office there. He returned to his vessel and mentioned to prisoner that he had deposited the money. Witness put the book in an unlocked drawer in the cabin. On the 14th he sailed for London, and, after touching at Falmouth and Plymouth, arrived on shore on the 20th. He spent the evening at a dance given previously.

LOVEY'S BAY CARBY DROPPED

On returning to the ship the following morning he met prisoner going on shore. He intended to make a deposit, and went to the cabin for his bank book. He found, however, that some one had taken it. When prisoner returned in the afternoon he told him that he had lost his bank book. Prisoner said, "I am very sorry; I hope you will find it. When did you see it last?" Witness was now shown a notice for withdrawal of \$400 from his account, and said he was attorney for him, for his authority. The receipt produced was also a forgery. Witness added that he told prisoner he had written to the P.O. about the lost book, and he resorted his ship the same afternoon.—A clerk employed in the secretary's department of the G.P.O., stated that he saw prisoner at Brighton, where he was detained. He said, "I destroyed that book. I tore it up and spent the money."—Remanded.

**HAMMERSMITH CYCLING CLUB** gave on Thursday at the headquarters the above club, the "Bnsh Hotel, Goshawford, W. of M. The programme submitted contained many interesting items, prominent among whom we mention Misses Lila Mill, L. Soper, and Herbert, Messrs. Percy A. White, Paul A. Papworth, and J. W. Willmott. The band consisted of Messrs. Henderson, Greene, Kingston, and Hays. The banjo duets of Miss Bertha and Mr. H. Delaine, and the mandoline selection of the Rialtos were greatly appreciated. The course of the evening a very pleasant one and to the recipient unexhausted. The club took part in the presentation of a gift to the German in recognition of the services he had rendered the club as a sec. for five years. Mr. McKeith made a suitable reply. The singing of "Auld Lang Syne" terminated a very enjoyable concert.

**FROM THE COMICS**

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**JANUARY.**  
(From the United Service Gazette.)

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## THE TRANSVAAL CRISIS.

## SCENE OF OPERATIONS.



## GERMAN THREATS AGAINST ENGLAND.

The remarkable feature in the situation this morning is the attitude of Germany. The Emperor William has addressed the following telegram to President Kruger:—  
"I express my sincere congratulations that, supported by your people and without appealing for the help of friendly Powers, you have succeeded by your energetic action against armed bands which invaded your country as disturbers of the peace, and have thus been enabled to restore peace and safeguard the independence of the country against attacks from outside.—WILLIAM."  
The Johannesburg "Star" publishes the following statement:—It has transpired that Mr. Van Zwielen, acting as the agent of the Transvaal Government, has left for Europe with introductions to the German military authorities requesting that he should be afforded facilities for engaging German officers for service under the Transvaal Government. Mr. Van Zwielen is also the bearer of orders for Maxim and Nordenfledt guns. Orders have also been placed with the firm of Krupp—Reuter's correspondent at Berlin telegraphs on Friday:—"The Emperor left Potsdam for Berlin by the ordinary 9.15 a.m. train, and immediately proceeded from the railway station to Prince Hohenlohe's residence, where he had a long conference with the Imperial Chancellor. It is supposed that the Emperor had reference to the Transvaal. The attitude of Germany in the matter is, it is reported, that of supporting the maintenance of the status quo as fixed by the Treaty of 1884 with the Transvaal. The German Government, it is stated, questions the determination of the British Government to maintain the Transvaal as the frontier of the British Empire, and subject to such modifications as President Kruger may be disposed to grant of his own free will, and with the consent of the existing Legislature at Pretoria.—It is scarcely probable (says the Berlin correspondent of the "Times") that, whatever happens, an open rupture between Germany and England, though such a course would doubtless find here many and exceedingly powerful advocates. But I am not speaking without authority when I state that as far as Germany is concerned the issue of this question may determine her whole policy towards England, whether it shall continue to be as during the last six years at least one of friendship and goodwill, or whether it shall be one of calculated hostility. The contention that it is the business of England and the Transvaal alone to settle the difficulty has produced (the "Standard's" correspondent at Berlin is assured) rather a painful sensation in right quarters here; for it does not admit that England is suzerain over the Transvaal. Mass meetings for expressing sympathy with the Boers are in course of organisation in various German centres. It is proposed to hold the first of these at Hamburg, Cologne, and Berlin to-morrow (Monday).  
WHAT UITLELANDERS PROTEST AGAINST.  
In the "Times" there appears an article which places the grievances of the Uitlelanders in a telling new light. "The revenue a few years ago," says the "Times," "before the Uitlelander population had risen to its present numbers or developed the mining industry to its present value, averaged about £75,000 a year. In 1894 the revenue was £1,750,000; in 1895 there has been a very great further increase, and notwithstanding this augmentation in the total revenue, it has been estimated according to carefully compiled returns, that the share paid by the Boer population is only £5,000 more than it was 10 years ago. The taxes are constructed to fall on the Uitlelander. The newly-imposed 1 per cent. tax on coal falls also exclusively on the alien, who alone makes use of this kind of fuel. The transfer duty, which, of course, falls wholly upon the industrial community, has lately been subjected by the Rand to an increase, which is of the most disastrous importance to the development of the mining industry. And now it is proposed to add to existing taxation a war tax of £20, to be levied upon every farm owned by an alien partnership, association, or company. No Boer was ever yet known to enter into partnership or take shares with another. The finances of the State are in the utmost confusion. There is no efficient control, no public audit, no one answerable to Parliament. It is known that last year there was a surplus of £900,000, that this year there should have been more, and it is now stated that there is a deficit of £1,000,000. In relation to public works, the system is one of scandalous and flagrant robbery, used as a means of enriching the friends, supporters, and relatives of a little clique gathered round the President and his Hollander advisers. All road contracts are given to the Boers without competition or supervision, and even in municipal matters the communities of the towns are refused all rights. The Netherlands Railway is used as a huge political engine in the Hollander interest. The company, with its directorate in Amsterdam, regulates directly or indirectly through its acknowledged representatives, the agent, the whole external and much of the internal policy of the country. It collects the Customs revenue as security for the Government guarantee. Lately it has dis-

tated the political relations of the Transvaal with the neighbouring colonies and States. At the same time, it acts in the regulation of its tariff as a large tax upon the mining community, and, while the rates are excessively high, it is the boast of the general manager that the Rand train—a coal and passenger line which runs for about 42 miles from Springs to Krugersdorp—earns enough by itself to pay interest on the whole railway capital. The head office is in Amsterdam. There the books are kept, and such reports and details of accounts as they choose to publish are published without check or comment in a system and in a language which the taxpayers do not understand. Every effort to throw light on the ways and position of the company is hindered and defeated. Disunion in the Rand is stifled by the majority vote, which the company and the Government can always command. The administration of the police is another. The force is chosen exclusively from the burghers. They are raw, untrained, entirely ignorant of the English language, and much underpaid. It has been one of the recurring disgraces of the place that the police are frequently on strike, owing to the fact that their pay has been for weeks in arrear, and that they are unable to buy food for themselves and their families on credit. The detective force, in the reform of which Mr. Esselen was last year enabled by the introduction of a Cape Government official to effect some improvement, is now, like the police, to be drawn only from subjects of the Transvaal. It is unnecessary to point out the futility of a police and detective force which cannot understand the language of the population among whom they move. The condition of education, to which, in view of the generations which are to come after them, the Uitlelanders attach even more importance than to the question of police, are such as to have called into existence a scheme for the creation, at an initial cost of £30,000, of a system of voluntary schools, where 5,000 English-speaking children of Johannesburg may receive an elementary education. Yet, for a discussion on the importance of the education of the inhabitants of Johannesburg, the judiciary is not wholly exempt from the baneful influences by which the Government is permeated. An open and determined attempt was made last session to alter the Grundwet so as to make the High Court subordinate to the Executive. The endeavour to establish this subservience was happily defeated, but in many instances the interference of the Executive with the independence of the Courts has been effective in detail.

ABOUT DR. JAMESON.  
Dr. Jameson, the administrator for the British South Africa Company, is a Scotchman by birth. He was educated at University College, London, where he took his degree in 1877, and was subsequently appointed resident medical officer at University College Hospital. While at University College he received an invitation to go out to Kimberley where for many years he was the leading physician. Fortune placed Mr. Cecil Rhodes under his care as a patient, and it was under his care that Mr. Rhodes was restored to the health that enabled him to become what he is. Mr. Rhodes and Dr. Jameson used to share the same quarters in Kimberley. They had a sitting-room in common, but took their meals at their club. They are both bachelors, and are both extremely simple in their life and manners. Dr. Jameson is a tall, athletic-looking man, in the forties, with light grey, brown hair. He is a Companion of the Bath.

PRESIDENT KRUGER.  
President Kruger is known throughout South Africa as "Oom Paul." He was one of the original malcontent emigrants from Cape Colony under Pretorius, who went first to what is now the Free State, thence to Natal, and thence to the Transvaal, being driven out each time by the advancing tide of British. He is now peacefully the "State's" chief, and does most of the business himself. Uncle Paul is careless about his personal appearance. His hair, which is just commencing to admit time's touches, is long and lank, and his straggling whiskers do not know the operation of trimming. His eyes are small, dark, and keen, with a curiously introspective look, but in argument his sleepy, phlegmatic manner is entirely thrown off, and he is a tremendous actually being faithful to long days and

strong tobacco. His religious faith is Calvinism, in the doctrines of which he is deeply versed. He is an elder of the Church, and is said to be a rousing preacher. In character he is like one of the Covenanters, peaceful so long as he is let alone, but implacable when roused, and with a mouth that does not show a trace of mercy.

RADICAL FICTION DENIED.  
A representative of the Press Association has called Mr. Chamberlain's attention to an interview in a Radical organ purporting to be "with the most prominent British authority on South African affairs," in the course of which it is suggested that Mr. Chamberlain has had knowledge of Dr. Jameson's intentions, and of the fact that the hand action on the part of the Chartered Company and of Mr. Rhodes. It was further stated that Mr. Chamberlain knew of matters which the honour of Englishmen had better not be published. The right hon. gentleman's attention was also directed to the general innuendo of the interview, and he was invited to say something regarding the statements in view of the probability that foreign journals might accept the allegations as confirmation of their own views, if they were allowed to pass unchallenged. Mr. Chamberlain perused the article, and dismissed it with the indignant remark:—"The allegations are simply beneath my contempt."  
[Full details of Wednesday's fighting at Krugersdorp will be found elsewhere in today's paper.]

REV. W. HURNDALL'S DEATH.  
INQUEST AND VERDICT.  
Mr. Troutbeck held an inquest at Westminster on the Rev. W. E. Hurndall, M.A.—Mr. Piper, of Vauxhall Bridge-road, identified deceased as pastor of Westminster Congregational Chapel. He was 49, and resided at 39, St. Ermin's Mansions. Witness was a deacon of the church, and had been pastor for the past 18 months. On Dec. 13th, witness saw him, when he appeared to be suffering from overwork. On Sunday, the 15th, on arriving at the service, he was informed that Mr. Hurndall was not officiating that day, as he had left instructions the previous night that he might die. Witness went to St. Ermin's Mansions, and the servants again told him that their master had said he was not to be disturbed. Witness said, "They must be disturbed." Subsequently he went up to the bedroom, and getting a reply to his knock, he entered, and found the Rev. Hurndall lying on his back, his head resting on a pillow, and his hands clasped over his face. He was dead. Witness called for a doctor, who arrived in about 5 minutes, and then the patient died. Witness immediately was met by a draught of hot air. A gas stove was burning in the room, and Mr. and Mrs. Hurndall were lying in bed unconscious and breathing stertorously. Failing to rouse either of them, he sent for a doctor, who arrived in about 5 minutes, and then the patient died. Witness immediately was met by a draught of hot air. A gas stove was burning in the room, and Mr. and Mrs. Hurndall were lying in bed unconscious and breathing stertorously. Failing to rouse either of them, he sent for a doctor, who arrived in about 5 minutes, and then the patient died. Witness immediately was met by a draught of hot air. A gas stove was burning in the room, and Mr. and Mrs. Hurndall were lying in bed unconscious and breathing stertorously. Failing to rouse either of them, he sent for a doctor, who arrived in about 5 minutes, and then the patient died. 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